

Applicant hereby requests the Examiner initial and return the Form PTO/SB/08 A & B filed on January 5, 2004, thus indicating that all of the listed references were also considered.

A copy of the IDS filed on January 5, 2005 is attached for the Examiner's reference, along with a date stamped filing receipt, which evidences the filing of the above IDS.

Claim Rejections:

The Examiner has indicated that only claims 1-32 are pending and that all of these claims stand rejected.

However, Applicant notes that on January 5, 2005, the filing date of the present application, Applicant filed a Preliminary Amendment, in which claims 1-32 were canceled and claims 33-42 were added. Thus, Applicant submits that the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-32 is improper and moot.

A copy of the Preliminary Amendment filed on January 5, 2005 is attached for the Examiner's reference, along with a date stamped filing receipt, which evidences the filing of the above referenced Preliminary Amendment.

Applicant hereby requests the Examiner consider claims 33 to 42, and withdraw the rejection of canceled claims 1-32.

Further, Applicant respectfully submits that the next official action be non-final, as the new claims 33-42 were of record as of January 5, 2004, and their lack of consideration is due to USPTO error.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
Application Number 10/750,963

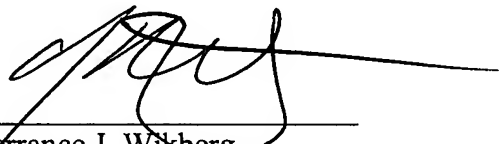
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Conclusion:

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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